The Daily Courant.

Tuesday, October 5 1703.

From the Rotterdam Gazette, dated October 8.

Madrid, September 14.

WE are no longer in doubt of a War with Portugal, and Preparations are making to maintain it with Vigour. A great number of Arms have pass'd through this City, which are sent from Biscay to Badajoz, and 6000 Firelocks have been landed in our Ports from France. The Inhabitants of the Country about Badajoz have sent Complaints that Don Francisco de Cordoua Captain General has suffer'd Corn and Horses to be carried into Portugal, when it was his Duty to have hindred it: Whereupon the Court has order'd Don Francisco de Velasco to hasten his Departure to Estramadura to prevent the like for the future. The Estates of the Kingdom of Galicia have consented to raise 4 Regiments of 1000 Men each at their own Charge, on Condition to have the Nomination of the Officers; which is accepted: They will be ready against next Spring. The King has already pass'd several Dispatches alone in his Cabinet, without the Intervention of the Cardinals Portacarrero and d'Etrees: And the general Opinion is, that after the Departure of the latter for France, his Majesty will continue to direct all Affairs without the Assistance of any Ministers, except those that he may appoint to take particular Charge of the most Important Matters. The Marques de Canales is already appointed to look to the Management of the War, with whom the King will dispatch all Business relating thereunto. Four Frigates are sail'd out of the Port of St. Sebastian to cruise; and Monsieur Gabaret is come hither to sollicit the equipping 4 Men of War for securing our Coast; but there being none in the Harbours of Spain fit for that Service, his Majesty has order'd them to be bought ready equipp'd and arm'd in France. The Ambassador of the Duke of Savoy has presented a Letter from his Master to the King, in which he expresses his Dissatisfaction at the Report spread of his Intentions to change Sides, assures his Majesty he is in no other Interest than that of the 2 Crowns, and that he will give Proofs of it on all Occasions. The King is extreamly pleas'd with these Assurances of his Royal Highness, who has given the like to his most Christian Majesty by his Ambassador. So we make no doubt of the Treaty of 3 Years with that Prince, which expires in April next, being renew'd. All the Troops Horse and Foot that were in the Neighbourhood of this City, are order'd to march to the Plain of Toledo, where they are to pass in review before his Majesty on the 17th of this Month. The Queen Dowager will be there.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated Oct. 8.

Letters from Venice of the 22d of last Month, confirm the retreat of the Duke of Vendome by the Lake of Garda as far as to Dezenzano, where he arriv'd on the 14th, and the day after went from thence in a Post Chaise towards the Mantuan. He has left the Count de Medavi in the Trentin, with some Battallions and Squadrons, which are dispos'd into Riva, Torbole, Arco, and Nago, expecting Orders from Court by the return of a Courier dispatch'd to Paris. 'Tis said the 2 last of those Places are undermin'd, that they may be blown up in case they are commanded to abandon them. The French in their retreat burnt several Villages, but General Heister pass'd the Adige time enough to save Brentonico, in which he found a certain number of Saddles and Arms with some Meal. 'Tis believ'd that General will march with the Body of Troops he commands, to joyn the Imperial Army under Count Staremberg. The French, 'tis said, having taken a review of their Troops, found about 3000 Foot Soldiers were missing, and a considerable number of Horse, but they have endeavour'd to make themselves some amends by Spoil and Plunder in their retreat.

The Town of Gelder is bombarding by the Prussian Troops; the Batteries were ready on the 6th, and planted with 19 Mortars and 45 Pieces of Cannon.

They write from Cologne of the 5th, that the King of Spain arriv'd on the 2d at Delbrucken, and on the 3d at Dortmund: that on the 4th the Elector Palatine would receive his Catholick Majesty at Hiltorf, in order to accompany him to Bendorf, where Preparations are made for entertaining his Majesty with the Diversion of Hunting; that from thence he woud come to Dusseldorp, into which he would make his Entry on the 6th or 7th; and that extraordinary Preparations are made for receiving and entertaining him during his stay there in the most pompous and magnificent Manner.

From the Camp at St. Tron, October 8. The Garrison of Huy being according to the Capitulation, to be exchang'd against a like number of ours taken by the French; the Duke of Marlborough has given Orders for the said Garrison to be brought from Maestricht to this Place, where they are expected this Evening; The Marshal de Villeroy having order'd the 2 Regiments taken the beginning of the Year at Tongres, with what other Prisoners he has of ours, to be brought at the same time to Leeuwe; and tomorrow Morning the Exchange will be made half way between these 2 Places by the Commissioners appointed on each side; we are to send a Squadron of Horse with our Prisoners, and the French to do the like; the Commanders whereof are to cease all Hostilities until the Exchange be made and all withdrawn on either side. The Artillery Horses which were sent from hence to the Siege of Limburg return'd to the Camp yesterday.

They write from the Hague of the 9th instant, that the Regiments which are to go in the Expedition to Portugal are arriv'd from the Grand Army at Maestricht, from whence they will come down the Maese to be embark'd in the Transport Ships that are hired to carry them to Portugal.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Oct. 9.

Nancy, Oct. 2. The Advices from Paris relating to their Fleet at Thoulon are various and uncertain, the last Letters say, that they are disarming all the Men of War there except 10.

Genoa,

Genoa, Sept. 23. Letters from Porto Mahone of the 8th of this Month inform us, that the Confederate Fleet arriv'd there on the 6th and was friendly receiv'd. From Thoulon they write, that the French Fleet will not put to Sea.

The Paris Gazette a la Main of the 27th of September adviſes, That it was given out there, that the Fleet at Thoulon would be reinforc'd by ſome Men of War from the Ports in the Ocean, and would then come out of the Mediterranean and lye off the Coaſt of Portugal to endeavour to intercept the Squadron that is to attend the new King of Spain thither.

Falmouth, Sept. 30. Yeſterday a Dutch Privateer of about 16 Guns being chaced in our Bay all day by 2 French Capers of about 24 and 18 Guns, was taken by them within 2 Miles of this Harbour, his Fore-top-maſt was carried by the Board, and after that he was preſently boarded and carried off. This day came in Her Majeſty's Ship the Dragon with an Expreſs from Admiral Dilks, whom ſhe left on the 28th inſtant with his Squadron cruiſing between Scilly and Uſhant.

Plymouth, October 1. Yeſterday came in Her Majeſty's Ship the Falmouth with 11 Ships from Virginia, 1 from New York, and 1 from Carolina, moſt of them bound for London. This Morning ſail'd the Lancaſter and Leopard for Ireland; the Fleet for Virginia and Guinea are now off this Harbour, and the outward bound that were ready in this Port are gone to them.

Briſtol, Oct. 2. On Thurſday laſt here arriv'd 12 Sail of our Virginia Ships, and 5 before, in all 17; ſo that there is ſtill wanting 2, both which are very dull Sailers, yet 'tis hoped they will come well after all.

London, Oct. 4. 'Tis advis'd from Newcaſtle of the 1ſt inſtant, that a Swediſh Ship was come in there in 10 days from Maſterland, who reports, that 2 days before he came away Rear Admiral Beaumont with his Squadron arriv'd at Gottemburg to reinforce the 4 Men of War that have lain there ſome time with our Eaſt Country Fleet; of which the French Squadron of 6 Men of War, commanded by Monſieur de St. Pol, which lay off Maſterland waiting for the ſaid Eaſt Country Fleet, being inform'd, they made out to Sea with all the ſpeed they could; and this Swede ſaw them about 50 Leagues from this Place.

HER Majeſty's Servants of the Theatre Royal being return'd from the Bath, do intend, tomorrow being *Wedneſday* the Sixth of this inſtant *October*, to Act a Comedy call'd, *Love makes a Man*, or, *The Fops Fortune*. With Singing and Danceing. And whereas the Audiences have been incommoded by the Plays uſually beginning too late, the Company of the ſaid Theatre do therefore give notice, that they will conſtantly begin at Five a clock without fail, and continue the ſame Hour all the Winter.

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